

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting
REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION

March 7, 2014

Division: Fisheries

Regulation Number: 301 KAR 1:201 Regular or Emergency: Regular
301 KAR 1:401

Proposed Recommendation: Proposal to Restrict Bowfishing and Sport Fishing Harvest of Alligator Gar

Justification: An alligator gar stocking program was initiated in Kentucky during 2009. The goals of the stocking project were: 1) re-establishment of a self sustaining population in Kentucky; and 2) eventually provide high quality fishing and bowfishing opportunities. Unfortunately, we are receiving reports of the gar being harvested before they were able to attain maturity; thereby undermining the goals of this project. Therefore, we recommend restricting all fishing harvest and any bowfishing for alligator gar until the fish have firmly established a natural, reproducing population.

Effective Date: March 2015

Strategic Plan Reference: Goal 1
Objective 5 d.

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Action Taken by Commission:

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Motion made by: _____

Motion Seconded by: _____

Action: **Approved** **Denied** **Referred back to Committee**

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Proposed Recommendation: Proposal for Floyd's Fork Creek to be Designated a Seasonal Catch and Release Trout Stream With Artificial Bait Only

Justification: The "Parklands of Floyds Fork" will vastly improve access for fishing, and the Park should be nearing completion in 2015. Consequently, the Derby City Fly Fishers Club has requested that Floyd's Fork Creek be regulated as a seasonal catch and release trout stream. We agree that this designation would bring many new, avid trout anglers to the 27-mile reach during the October – March season.

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Strategic Plan Reference: Goal 2
Objective 1 f.

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Proposed Recommendation: Proposal to Require Catfish Tournaments to Collect Specific Data to Augment that Collected by KDFWR for Catfish Population Assessments

Justification: The Fisheries Division has increased its effort to collect data pertinent to Ohio River trophy-sized catfish. To facilitate our effort, we propose creating regulations whereby larger catfish tournaments (at least 25 boats) will be required to register with KDFWR using our tournament website and provide data including individual lengths and weights of catfish caught, number of boats, tournament rules, winning weights and total weights brought in by contestants during the tournament. We also propose that anglers provide the number and lengths of catfish released (not brought to the weigh-ins).

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Proposed Recommendation: Proposal to Add Maysville-Mason County Recreation Park Lake to the Fishing-In-The-Neighborhood Program.

Justification: The FINS program has proven to be successful in bringing a diversity of new anglers to fishing and in reducing the churn of existing anglers. We propose adding the 40th FINS pond: The Maysville-Mason County Recreation Park Lake. Fishing regulations will be the same for this lake as the other lakes enrolled in the FINS program.

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Objective 1

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Proposed Recommendation: Proposal to Make the New Portion of Hatchery Creek a
Catch and Release Stream With Artificial Bait Only

Justification: The Wetland and Stream Mitigation Program's Hatchery Creek Project is located below (and created by) outflow from Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery. This project will create a new, meandering stream channel extending over 1-mile across the flood plain before entering the Cumberland River. Significant numbers of trout are expected to move into the improved reach. Because of the fishes' vulnerability, we propose the following Hatchery Creek regulations: 1) limit fishing to artificial baits only; and 2) restricted harvest for all trout species. Regulations on the existing rip rap channel immediately below the hatchery would be maintained as they are currently.

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Strategic Plan Reference: Goal 2
Objectives 1& 3

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Proposed Recommendation: Proposal to Prohibit Culling of Trout Statewide

Justification: Trout are extremely susceptible to perishing from the same stressors that many cool or warm-water fish species could normally withstand. Culling is one of those potential stressors. It is highly unlikely that a trout could be caught, placed in a livewell or basket, and (at some future time) released with expectations of it surviving; therefore, it is pointless to allow culling. We propose to prohibit culling of trout statewide in order to reduce wasting of the stocked fish.

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Strategic Plan Reference: Goal 1
Objective 5

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Proposed Recommendation: Proposal to Rename the Letcher County Boat Ramp to Watts Boat Ramp

Justification: Mr. Ernest Watts requested that this Department consider renaming the Letcher County Boat Ramp to "Watts Boat Ramp". This project was located on the North Fork of Kentucky River, and a small section of the parking lot was slated to be built on Mr. Watts father's property. In light of his father's willingness to assist the Department, we agree that it would be appropriate to grant this request and rename the boat ramp.

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Strategic Plan Reference: Goal 3
Objective 4

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